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WHAT WAIT I FOR?

I am in the heavenly places now. I look down and see the mud, the frost, the dark. This fair earth is at the end of her ministry; she has waited upon me with fruit, flowers and song. She waits to serve me to the end. I do not wait for peace, adornment, distinction; these are my heritage, my dignity, my sure possession. I have garments to adorn, bread to sustain, company to cheer, employment to gratify.

I do not wait for heaven. Heaven waits for me. I postpone my procession, I postdate my entrance; to the waiting plaudits I cry, "Hush." Why? Because there's work to do here, which I cannot do there, tears to wipe away, hearts to cheer, hands to lift up. I do not wait for correspondence to begin; if life is correspondence with our environment then I correspond. I have done this the best part of my life. I drew strength from outside, from above, cargoes of consolation come to me. I am not a stranger to the fruits, the songs, the triumphs.

The men of grace have found
Glory begun below,
Celestial fruit in earthly ground
From faith and hope do grow.

This world is good, but I have found a better, found it long ago. O, the ever-increasing, incipient glory. I have strength and mildness; if I have resignation, it is not stupid. I stoop to drink consoling joy. Grace is better than pride, and sufferings bring a charm. Armed with courage, adorned with humility, erect before men, on my knees before God, I answer the question: What wait I for?

—The Rev. H. T. Miller, in New York Observer, on entering his 85th year.

EDITORIAL.

OUR INFIRMITIES.

(Himself took our infirmities and bare our sickness. Matt. 8: 17. Golden text for Sunday, March 10).

We should ever bear in mind that healing, with Christ, was a matter of love as well as of power. Our Savior's miracles were not wrought for the sake of showing His power merely, but incidentally as manifesting His sympathy, His tenderness, His deep compassion, His abiding love. Jesus' chief work was preaching. He lived and labored and wrought with this in view. In the lesson today people get excited over His miracles, and lest the main object of His mission should be obscured He withdraws secretly—and goes away to His greater and more beloved task of preaching the gospel. He had a message for the world and He wanted to get this message delivered. He bent every energy to this great task.

But it was not a method of impractical theories and speculations. It was a message of love and of life. Jesus knew the burdens, the infirmities, the failures, the weaknesses of men. He put Himself in and stead and bore our infirmities for us. His infinite love induced Him to do this. "Come unto me all ye that abor and are heavy laden," He had said, "and I will give you rest." He understood that our burdens were all too heavy for us, and His all too light for Him, and so He was willing to help us bear ours.

There is nothing that helps and encourages in times of sorrow, despair or distress like feeling that there is some one who is willing to share these burdens with us. Ours is the religion of hope and of strength on this account. Its Founder inspired hope and instilled strength by taking upon Himself our burdens.

The world's burden bearers are not those who are in the church and following after Christ, but those who are not of the church and are refusing to follow Him. Sinners, out-casts, drunkards, gamblers, thieves, liars, evil and wicked people of every sort and condition are the real burden bearers of this life. They bear the burdens because they will not let the Christ bear for them.

—"The Saloon men and gamblers chuckle and smile when they read in the papers of the parlor games given by the ladies, for they know that after awhile those same men will be patrons of their business. I say, then, the parlor game is the college where gamblers are made and educated." So declared a converted gambler, as quoted in another column under the caption "Where Gamblers Are Made," which article, by the way, is worth reading through and thinking over.

—That is convincing testimony Greensboro First Church gives to the efficiency of the Duplex envelope system which it recently adopted. Bro. C. A. Hines tells of it in his "Notes From the Feld."

RETRENCHMENT IN MISSIONARY WORK.

I do not know how it strikes other brethren, but to this writer the saddest note of the year, in church work, we have heard, is, that there must be retrenchment in our foreign missionary work during 1912, because of lack of funds. We must abandon work well begun, relinquish efforts that were bearing fruit, and stop workers who were winning souls to Christ. That is the message that comes from our Mission Offices and from the foreign field.

Brethren, it is deplorable. It is a pity. It is a shame. We were doing all too little in the foreign field already. Our contributions to foreign missions are a pittance. Our workers were already few enough, Heaven knows. And now that we must take a step backward for sheer lack of funds! Believing as we do that all our progress as a people is one with what we do, or we fail to do, for Missions, this indeed is a sad picture to contemplate. If we are not mistaken it means a backward step in other lines unless there is heroic effort made and that right early to stop and stay this backward tendency.

We want our readers to contemplate this picture taken from the last number of our Christian Missionary. It is from a recent letter sent in by Bro. McCord, who is now on our mission work in Japan and who, because he was informed by our Board of lack of funds, sent out word that some native helpers would have to stop their work or be transferred:

"In this connection I wish you could all read in the original the heart-rending cry of Pastor Muraoka, when he learned that the work he had been doing was to be discontinued, and he stationed elsewhere. His letter reads: 'I have just returned from Kannari and read your letter and was utterly dumfounded. In the midst of the letter I was so blinded by tears as to be unable to read. If I should tell this thing to the children at Kannari, how they would grieve over it! I could not endure their cryings. When I think of them, to whom I have earnestly preached the gospel, my heart pains me. Even this very morning three of the girls in the Sunday-school there told me that they believed in Jesus. And now if I go there no more, from whom will they learn of God? Just now with great joy they are preparing for Christmas; but if I tell them that next month my work with them must close, how they will grieve! My tears flow so fast I cannot write. Please imagine the grief I cannot utter.'

"We are all feeling rather much the same as Brother Muraoka. Pastor Takahashi urges, 'Is there no possible way by which the meetings among the villages about Ichinoseki can be continued?' But to all this the Mission can give but one answer, 'There is not sufficient money.'"

This is appeal indeed to which I hardly see how we can turn a deaf ear. If we of the Christian churches wish to see our cause prosper and the work go forward along all lines we would as well make up our minds to do more for foreign missions. This to our thinking is the one weak spot in all our system, and that which retards our growth more than all other causes combined.

CLUB OR CHURCH?

Is the Young Men's Christian Association tending towards the club, or towards the church? This is a question worth while, and one that seems of doubtful answer. The church has fostered the institution from its beginning, and it has been taught us that we regard it as an auxiliary of the church, and a great help to it.

Yet there are those who are getting anxious and think they see a tendency in the institution to become a sort of social club rather than a ward of the church. Among the number thus viewing the Y. M. C. A. is Bishop Kilgo, of Durham, who writes as follows in a recent number of The Southern Christian Advocate:

"Originally the Young Men's Christian Association was a most excellent organization. It was designed solely to train youth in religious leadership and religious life, and as a youth I found it very helpful. But the spirit and efforts of it have changed. It has become chiefly a club, with the trend wholly toward a sporting club.

The last report of the secretary of the Durham Young Men's Christian Association states that during the year 1,500 attended the various religious meetings, while 5,000 attended the pool rooms. I have seen several reports of other Young Men's Christian Association organizations and they show about the same proportion between the sporting interest and the religious interest."

If it be true that the sporting interest is broader and deeper than the religious interest in the Y. M. C. A., then the situation is alarming, and it is high time the

church were taken steps to bring it back to its original design and pursuit.

"EMPHASIS ON THE SPIRITUAL."

In keeping with the plea of a layman (which plea is presented elsewhere in this issue) that our forthcoming Southern Convention lay its particular emphasis on things spiritual we find high testimony to the worth of this course of conduct from other sources. Dr. J. F. Carson, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Northern Presbyterian Church has recently concluded a tour of the churches of his denomination in every section of the country. Hear his conclusion:

"The significant thing that I found everywhere is that those churches which are most loyal to the old truths, and which put the emphasis of their work on the spiritual issues, are the churches which are most prosperous."

And this testimony seems sure and steadfast. For it has ever been so. What the Church needs today most of all is emphasis on the spiritual. To be carnally minded is death. But to be spiritually minded is life, and life evermore means progress.

Our Christian churches now need, as they never have needed before, to lay their chief emphasis on things spiritual and divine. When this emphasis is given we shall see unbounded progress and not till then.

DR. CHILD AT ELON.

Elon College enjoys no higher privilege during the year than the annual visit of Rev. Frank S. Child, D. D., LL. D., Fairfield, Conn., with the lectures and sermons that he delivers. For about seventeen years Dr. Child has visited Elon periodically and has during that time evinced deep interest in the college and an abiding concern for its welfare and progress. A man of agreeable personality and great congeniality, he wins his audiences at the very beginning of his addresses and with his wonderful lucidity of logic and language he holds closest attention to the last word. Dr. Child is a master of his mother tongue and his thoughts are as clear as crystal. He is an orator who charms and edifies his audiences from start to finish. His sermons are spiritual food and his congregations here always feel greatly benefitted by his gospel messages. It is a rare treat indeed Elon enjoys annually from the visits of Dr. Child which visits, let us hope, will be continued through many years yet to come.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Saloons in Virginia.

By a vote of 23 to 15, March 5, the upper House of the Virginia legislature defeated the Jordan Enabling Act which the lower House has passed by a good majority several days previously. The act was to enable the people on petition of one fourth of the qualified voters of the State to vote on the question of State-wide prohibition. In other words, the Senate has said, in unmistakable terms, that so far as its power in the matter goes saloons shall remain open in that State for at least four years to come, whether the people wish them to do so or not, and that the people shall not have the opportunity of voting their own wishes or choice in the matter. It has been claimed all along that the saloons of the State have kept a well paid and well organized lobby at Richmond every day since the present Assembly began its sittings and it would seem that the lobby got in its work in the Senate to its heart's content. The State of Virginia is agitated over the matter in no small degree and while the voice of the people at the bollot box has been stifled for a season it is not believed that the matter will be allowed to rest here.

We were glad to see that our good friend and brother, Col. J. E. West, of Suffolk, who is so ably representing his district in the Senate, took a firm stand in favor of giving the people a chance and made a splendid speech on the floor of the Senate, in behalf of the measure, just before the vote was taken. But of what use were addresses and pleas and persuasion where men had made up their minds to stand with and vote for liquor and saloons?

Abiding Philosophy.

We rush along in these days and learn many, many things: but after all we do not improve the ancient philosophy. Sages of the past laid down for us rules, and gave to us proverbs that our day of wonders and inventions has not improved. It would be difficult indeed for a young man of our time to improve "ten rules" which Thomas Jefferson is purported to have laid down for himself and his time:

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

Never spend your money before you have it.

Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.

Pride costs us more than hunger, thirst and cold.

We never repent of having eaten too little.

Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

The evils that never happen cost us the most pain.

Take things always by the smooth handle.

When angry, count ten before speaking; if very angry, count a hundred.

Kickers.

Here is a sockdolager from the esteemed Charlotte Observer of recent date:

"It has been nearly three weeks since The Norfolk Virginian-Pilot declared that it would not do anything for the starving millions in China until it had provided for all the deserving poor in this country and for the needy Confederate veterans in Virginia, but so far it has failed to make any accounting of the amount of money it has raised for these worthy purposes. We should like to know what it has really done."

The Deacon evidently fired a straight shot at a fair mark that time. But from henceforth, in this and in all similar instances, echo only can answer "What has it really done?" The kickers don't do, they kick. And in this one instance, at any rate, the esteemed Virginian-Pilot was just caught kicking. We used to think—may our ignorance be forgiven—that when a person kicked one charity or benevolence he was saving his for some other good one. Never a bit of it. If you want people to help you, go to those who help. If you want contributions for the deserving poor in this country, and the needy Confederate veterans of iVrginia, take down the names ot those who contribute to China's starving millions—and call on them. These are they from whom help comes. If you want help, advice, counsel, contributions, don't go to the kickers; go to those who are accustomed to help every time a real need comes. Your kickers don't count.

—It will be of more than passing interest to Sun readers to learn that Congressman Richard Pearson Hobson, of Alabama, and one of the most fluent and able speakers in Congress is to deliver the annual literary address at Elon College at the forthcoming commencement in June. Congressman Hobson is not unknown to North Carolina audiences and hundreds will hear him at Elon with delight and profit. For besides being a statesman it is well-known that he is among the foremost educators of the country, that is, he is in closest touch with educational ideas and interests.

A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

President W. A. Harper, in his "Elon College Letter" in The Sun last week, calls attention to a resolution passed by the Georgia and Alabama Conference at its last session. This resolution follows:

"Resolved, That we memorialize the Southern Christian Convention to take steps to establish a high school or institute for the education of our young people, somewhere within the bounds of the Alabama and the Georgia and Alabama Conferences; and that a committee of three be appointed to confer with a like committee from the Alabama Conference, provided the Executive Committee of that Conference will appoint such a committee, whose business it shall be to draft this memorial and present same to the next session of the Southern Christian Convention." (See Christian Annual, page 33).

As mentioned in President Harper's letter, Dr. W. T. Hodges, Rev. H. W. Elder and J. H. Floyd constitute the committee appointed by the Georgia and Alabama Conference. The Executive Committee of the Alabama Conference has appointed a like committee, composed of the following: Revs. G. O. Lankford, E. M. Carter and Dr. J. T. Clack. These committees will meet in joint session in LaGrange on Monday after the third Sunday instant, at which time a memorial to be presented to the Convention, will be drafted.

There is a feeling abroad in our work in Georgia and Alabama that this is the proper step toward the establishment of the desired school in our midst. It is the humble opinion of those most deeply interested in this movement, that the Convention is the proper body to undertake this work. Doubtless our most imperative need in Georgia and Alabama is that of a school under the direction of the church for the training of our young people. If we had the necessary equipment we could open a school next fall with probably seventy-five students. There are parents who are heart-hungry to send their sons and daughters to one of our church schools, but Elon College, our closest school, is too far for us to reasonably hope to see any considerable number educated there. This writer recently heard two fathers express the wish that their sons might attend one of our church schools, but due to the unaccessibility of these schools their sons would have to go elsewhere. This is only one instance out of many where our young people are turning to the State schools or to some denominational institution other than our own, and finally drift from the church and are lost entirely to the Christian Church. The much-needed and greatly-desired school would in all probability aid us in remedying this drain of talent and power. It would also give unto us a larger number of trained, efficient leaders. It would be to the work in these two states what Elon College is to the Southern Christian Convention.

Let the members of the Convention bear in mind that a memorial will be presented to that body asking that steps be taken in the not distant future towards the establishment of a high school or institute somewhere within the bounds of our work.

G. O. Lankford.

ABOUT THE CONVENTION.

I have been looking at The Sun each week to see someone begin to mention some of the many things they would like to see done at the Convention which meets soon at Elon College, and so I guess I had as well start the ball to rolling and thus cause some one with stronger muscle and mind to take hold.

The way to get a large, interested delegation to attend the Convention is to let the public know that something is going to be done at this gathering of the church.

Why should we give no thought and no publicity to the business of the Convention before it convenes?

All policical parties are now giving their most serious thoughts to building their platforms and are watching the several candidates in order to reach the proper decision as to which candidate and what platform will please the most people. Every plank in the platform and every characteristic of the candidate is discussed to the minutest detail long before the Convention meets.

If we begin talking about the Convention and mentioning some of the things we would like to see done, the people will get interested and want to attend. The great reason there is no more interest in our church Conventions, especially by the laymen, is because often so little is done to interest them before the meeting.

If we do not agitate these questions before, we can only do as we have done many times: "meet, elect officeres, fill the vacancies on the committees, resolute some and go home."

Brethren, begin now to discuss some of the things we ought to do, then you will see something done.

The men and women of the church that do things are always glad to give their time, thought, and money to a cause when they see good business men are interested in it because they know it will succeed. If Bros. Moffitt and Harper had not kept the Elon Special Fund and its contributors constantly before the public, they would have been a long time in getting the amount.

Now there are many things that we need to do. First of all, I think, we should give more attention to the spiritual part of our gatherings. There is a feeling throughout the church, all churches, for that part, that we are losing our spirituality, that our church attendance is small and getting smaller. Why all this? The answer comes from all classes and congregations: "The spiritual side of your worship is neglected." We don't take the time and trouble to "tarry at Jerusalem." Now, after we have done these things as we should it is easier for us to see our duty along other lines and the doing of this duty will be changed from a laborious task to a pleasant duty.

And we want to see a greater effort made to establish our principles in our cities. I have in mind some of the most thriving cities within our bounds surrounded by prosperous Christian churches through the country. These cities with from ten to fifty thousand people and we have no church. If we had a substantial church building in cities of this kind, it would not be many years before we would be strengthening our church numerically and financially.

We need to establish at least three High Schools. One in Georgia or Alabama Conference, one in the Virginia Valley, and one in Eastern Virginia. Neither one of these will be in competition with the other nor with Elon. This would be a great help to the Church in a few years.

There are many other lines that we hope to see spoken of, but this is all I will say now.

Let us agitate, brethren. Yours,

H. C. Simpson.

Greensboro, N. C.

From Starkey Seminary.

Dear Bro. Atkinson:

We at the north feel that we have lost much in the sudden decease of the Rev. Thos. S. Weeks of Bangor, who was taken off on February 16th by pneumonia. He was a sound and logical preacher and a man of great stability of character. Dr. Mac Calman was called to attend the funeral and went to Bangor at once.

Starkey Seminary and the Temple Church of Lakemont have been in the enjoyment of a gracious revival of religion. Dr. F. G. Coffin of the Albany church assisted Dr. Mac Calman as preacher, and for two weeks preached the Gospel with directness and power. From the fisrt evening the interest was profound. The Seminary students and teachers were in constant attendance and the people of the village showed their appreciation of the work

by their presence. Something over twenty men and ten girls and women were revived or converted, among them being fifteen of the young men of the Seminary and eight of the young women. The church is much strengthened and the effect of the meeting promises to be lasting.

Martyn Summerbell.

WHERE GAMBLERS ARE MADE.

At a mass meeting in the Second Presbyterian Church, of this city (Portsmouth, Ohio), on a recent Sabbath afternoon, in the presence of over two hundred men, a converted gambler and an ex-saloon keeper made the following statement, which has created a profound impression, and I herewith transmit it to your paper that it may do good in a wider sphere:

"I have been in the saloon business with a gambling room attached for the last four years, and claim to know something about what I am now going to tell you. I do not believe that the gambling den is near so dangerous, nor does it do anything like the same amount of harm, as the social card party in the home. I give this as my reason: In the gambling room the windows are closed tight, the curtains are pulled down; everything is conducted secretly for fear of detection, and none but gamblers, as a rule, enter there. While in the parlor all have access to the game, children are permitted to watch it, young people are invited to partake in it. It is made attractive and alluring by giving prizes, serving refreshments and adding high social enjoyments. For my part, I never could see the difference betwen a piece of silver moulded in the shape of a cup or thimble. The principle is the same, and whenever property changes hands over the luck of cards, no matter how small is the value of the prize, I believe it is gambling.

"Perhaps you have never thought of it but where do all the gamblers come from? They are not taught in the gambling dens. A 'greener' unless he is a fool, never enters a gambling hell, because he knows he will be fleeced out of everything he posesses in less than fifteen minutes. He has learned somewhere else before he sets his foot inside of such a place.

When he played in the parlor in the social game of the home, and has become proficient enough to win prizes among his friends, then the next step with him is to seek out the gambling room for he has learned and counts upon his efficiency to hold his own. The saloon men and gamblers chuckle and smile when they read in the papers of the parlor games given by the ladies, for they konw that after a while these same men will become patrons of their business. I say, then, the parlor game is the college where gamblers are made and educated. In the name of God, men, stop this business in your homes. Burn up your deck and wash your hands.

"The other day I overheard two ladies talking on the street. One said 'I am going togive a card party, and I am going to the store to buy a pack of cards. Which are the best kind to get?' The other replied: 'Get the Angel Card. It has an angel on the back.'

Think," said he, "of dragging the pure angels of Heaven into this infernal business."

After he had taken his seat another converted ex-gambler, who led the men's meeting in the Second Presbyterian Church the following Sabbath, arose and said: "I endorse every word which the brother before me has just uttered. I was a gambler. I learned to play cards, not in the saloon, not not in my own home, but in the homes of my friends who invited me to play with them and taught me how."—Gospel Messenger.

SECOND WORLD'S CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP CONFERENCE.

By J. F. Martin, D. D.

Prominent among the many modern movements for the uplifting of humanity, is that which is to culminate in the World's Christian Citizenship Conference, Portland Oregon, June 29 to July 6, 1913. This Conference is no experiment, as a very successful similar Confernce, the first of its kind in the history of the world, was held in the city of Philadelphia in the month of November, 1910. Furthermore, the Commercial Club of the city of Portland, through its Convention Bureau, has entered into an agreement with the National Reform Association, which is arranging for this Second World's Christian Citizenship Conference, to pay into its treasury the sum of $15, 000 within the year 1912 to aid in the work of preparation for it and has also granted other valuable concessions to the amount of several thousand dollars. The railroad and steamship companies are heartily cooperating, having given assurence of very low rates.

Numerous mission boards, many church courts and various Christian civic organizations are also cooperating. Of the thousands expected to be in attendence, five hundred and more delegates have already been appointed.

On the program of this conference it is proposed to have from seventy-five to a hundred leading representative Christian statesmen from pratically all the great countries of the world a score and more of whom have already been definitely engaged, including such men as Sir Andrew Fraser, for thirty-seven years Governor of Bengal India, N'g Poon Chew, Canton, China, Monsieur Charles-Lucien Gautier, Geneva, Switzerland, Dr. Armenag Haigazion Konia, Asia Minor, Turkey, and Charles Merle D'Aubigne, son of the famous French historian D' Aubigne, from abroad. Also Governors Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey, Chase S. Osborn of Michigan, and Dr. Samuel Zane Batten, Professor of Sociology in Desmoines, Iowa, College—from our own country. At this Conference it is proposed to have thoroughly discussed by these men and others of their type not only the great moral problems which are indeed world problems and with which government necessarily has to do—such as the weekly rest day, capital and labor, laws affecting family life, public education in its relation to morality and religion, vice and crime and the best means of their suppression, political corruption and its cure, etc.—but also and especially the great fundamental Bible or Christian principles of civil government in their application to these problems, which application we believe to be the one and only hope of their solution.

The immediate result to be sought through this Conference and through all the work of preparation for it is the revival and diffusion of national religion; a deeper and more general sense of the accountability of nations and governments to God and their dependence on him. Held, as it is to be, in our own country it cannot well fail to make a deep impression upon it and at the same time furnish a great arsenal, from which the friends of our national Christianity will be able to draw weapons for years to come with which to ward off the numerous and seemingly ever-increasing foes of all that is Christian in our national life and character.

World wide publicity is now being given the Conference and will doubtless be given the proceedings of the same. All Churches, either local or general, all Missionary Societies and Boards, Young People's Societies of the different denominations, Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations, Temperance Societies and other organizations having both a Christian and patriotic purpose, are particularly and specifically invited to appoint delegates to the National Reform Association, 603 Publication Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. All inquiries concerning it should be sent to the same address, care of the General Superintendent.

This span of life was lent for lofty duties, not for selfishness; not to be whiled away in aimless dreams, but to improve ourselves and serve mankind.—DeVere.

There is no mean work save that which is sordidly selfish; no irreligious work save that which is morally wrong; in every sphere of life the post of honor is the post of duty.—Chapin.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

—Let the pastors read Dr. Staley's letter this week—and then act.

—Reports are that the Chinese have murdered eight missionaries and possibly more. Many have been endangered.

—Bro. H. C. Simpson, Greensboro, writes a letter about our forthcoming Convention that is seasonable and sensible. What he says will be read with interest and with profit.

—The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is moving mightily to build a house of worship in Washington, D. C. Gen. J. S. Carr of Durham has given $5,000 and contributions are being made from many directions.

—Our Greensboro First Church has a promising Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society now well organized. Read of it in another column this week and get the good women of your church to do likewise. It's worth while and will count in results as the years come and go.

—Many soldiers in and about Peking, China, mutinied last week and there was much pillage, fire and bloodshed. The new prseident, Yuan Shi Kai, is said to be unable to control his soldiers and hold his own against the many odds which threaten to disturb. China is still in a turbulent and an unsettled condition.

—A Woman's Missionary Society with one hundred charter members! That is the clarion note that Suffolk church sends out through The Sun this week. The women in other churches are organizing and we expect it a rare thing, before very long, to find an active church anywhere within our borders without a Woman's Missionary Society.

—We are glad to have in this issue items of interest from President Martyn Summerbell of Palmer Institute Starkey Seminary, Lakemont, N. Y., and rejoice in the good meeting that institution recently enjoyed. We trust Dr. Summerbell will favor The Sun often with such items and ideas as may please him to share with us.

—If Sun readers believe in helping those who help themselves they will help our Raleigh church just noy. Pastor Johnson and Superintendent Stephenson are waging an active and vigorous campaign for a worthy cause. A contribution sent them by any Sun reader will be greatly appreciated and will be well invested.

—Here is a feast indeed for those who attend Elon's approaching commencement. Rev. J. F. Burnett, D. D., Dayton, Ohio, Secretary of the American Christian Convention, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon and Congressman Hobson of Alabama, to deliver the Annual literary address. Both of these men are eloquent, able, scholarly, powerful in public address, and what they say will be worth coming miles to hear. The graduating class is large, the occasion will close the most largely attended session of the College and withal the commencement promises to be "the best yet" in all our history.

—The best "news" that The Christian Sun carries this week is that of our Suffolk Letter which relates what the good women of our Suffolk Church have begun to do for missions. Think of a Society organized with 100 charter members! That looks like business and means somewhat. We sincerely trust that every pastor in the Southern Christian Convention will read Dr. Staley's letter this week, and Mrs. C. H. Rowland's Department, and then, if more is needed, send to The Christian Sun office, Elon College and get copies of constitutions for organizing local Missionary Societies, and then call on the good sisters in their churches to form themselves into a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. The time is ripe, Bro. Pastor, and the good women are ever willing to do their part in church work if given the opportunity.

—While the earth was covered hereabouts with the deepest snow of the winter last Sunday and Monday comes a card from Rev. J. L. Foster bearing a snapshot of a man with fishing rod on a blue wide-spreading lake and with two long strings of "a great catch before breakfast on Lake Morton, Lakeland, Fla." And comes another from our good friend and relative, Mrs. T. A. Jones, St. Petersburg, Fla., with a whole hundred folks fishing and all hands catching as fast as ever they can. We are not disposed to wish these beloved any harm; wish them well in fact in regaining health and strength in the land of flowers, fish and sunshine; but we propose to sue out an injunction against the next person that sends us pictures of fishing while we shiver and freeze from cold. An editor gets used to a great many hard knocks in this life, and his hide gets extremely tough, but, beloved, there is a limit to his endurance and beyond which he should not be tempted.

—Tuesday's Raleigh Newes and Observer thus speaks of the meetings in progress at Hillsboro St. Christian Church, Raleigh:

"The revival at Christian church will continue until Thursday night.

"Last night another great sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Rowland. It was full of interest from beginning to end and made a great impression. There was one convert last night, and the number is steadily increasing.

SUFFOLK LETTER.

A "Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society" was organized in the Sufffolk Christian Church on Monday afternoon, February 19, 1912, with one hundred charter members. This was in compliance with request of the Woman's Board for Missions of the Southern Christian Convention that a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society be organized in every local church in the seven Conferences of the Convention.

Mrs. W. H. Dick, a member of the Woman's Board of the Eastern Virginia Christian Conference, was chosen President; Mrs. Susie Holland was elected Vice-President; Mrs. I. W. Johnson was made Secreteary; and Miss Bessie Norfleet was chosen Treasurer. These are all capable women, fine Christian characters, and interested in church work.

The women of the congregation have responded to this movement more enthusiastically than to any other call in the history of this local church, and the society starts with good prospects of success.

The dues are ten cents per month, and the Society will hold monthly meetings in the afternoon of the first Monday in each month. One hundred members, you see, at ten cents per month, will make the receipts ten dollars per month. The meetings will be held in the vestry of the church.

The Society will make a study of missions, provide some kind of interesting program for the meetings, and strive to improve the social and spiritual condition of the church. In this busy age it is next to impossible wor church women in cities to know one another except through societies, and this Society will be a sort of social clearing house where the women will become acquainted, mingle in social intercourse, and touch hearts on the greatest question that occupies human heads and hearts. It is quite evident from the commission of Jesus to the disciples to "go and make disciples of all nations" that He regards missions as the most important task of the church. I am expecting great things from this new organization. If women can do great things in the field of temperance, charity, social purity, and education, they can be equally useful in the field of missions.

This new Society will not interfere with the "Ladies' Benevolent and Social Union" of this church which has done such a good work in this church for more than thirty years.

This Society has an enthusiastic Presi-

dent who loves the work, has had experience, and the women have confidence in her leadership and will support her in the good work.

The women of the Southern Convention have been slow to organize for missionary work, but all hope that the time is near when every church in the Convention will have a missionary society composed of women. W. W. Staley.

NORFOLK LETTER.

Dr. M. T. Morrill, of Dayton, Ohio, our Secretary of Foreign Missions, was a Norfolk visitor last Thursday and Friday. He was here as the guest of Bro. B. L. Nichols, of the Third Church, conferring with him about the Porto Rico church, the plans for which had been drawn by Bro. Nichols. Dr. Morrill left Friday evening for New York City and sailed from there for Porto Rico Saturday noon.

Good interest continues in the meetings at the Lambert's Point Christian Church. They will continue this week also. The whole church is being greatly encouraged and new life seems to possess all.

The heavy snow of yesterday interfered with our services yesterday, more so at night. The writer spoke at Berkley in the evening and administered the communion. The Christian Endeavor Society conducted his own service.

The regular monthly social evening of the Brotherhood Bible Class (Third Church) was held Thursday evening. The first part was held at the church. Dr. Morrill spoke on "Men and Missions," the writer on "Some Things I Saw In New York City." The class then adjourned to the parsonage for refreshments and a social hour.

The second monthly Children's Service was held at the Third Church yesterday morning. The Junior Choir led the singing. Before the sermon they sang, "Is Your Life a Channel of Blessing?" and after the sermon, four girls sang, "The Lord is My Shepherd." They did well, especially so for the first time. The pastor spoke on the People of Japan using the objects obtainable from "The Young People's Missionary Movement," as illustrators. Some of you probably saw the objects when Rev. J. W. Harrell exhibited them at our last Sunday School Convention at Liberty Spring.

Bro. M. L. Bryant is reported as slowly but surely gaining strength and all of us rejoice to hear it. A. M. Hanson.

Monday, March 4, 1912.

—President Taft has appointed Mahlon Pitney of Ney Jersey to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court to succeed the late lamented Justice Harlan.

ELON COLLEGE LETTER.

All of us are looking forward with grateful anticipation to the approaching session of the Southern Christian Convention, which is, according to announcement, to meet with us in biennial session April 30—May 3rd.

It has been twenty-two years since this, our highest ecclesiastical body of the Christians in the South, met with us. These years interveneing have been large in their fruitage for the College, which was then in its swaddling clothes. The original buildings have been completed, new ones have been added, the campus has been in a measure beautified, a rspectable endowment has been provided, a reputation for scholarship and high moral tone has been achieved, attendance has reached a high-water mark, friends have multiplied, and an institution of which our people may well be proud has come forth—all which things are the results of the efforts of our people and largely the direct resultant of the wise oversight and statesman-like planning of the Southern Christian Convention. For these reasons we are glad to welcome this distinguished body of religious workers to our midst, to the place made possible by its actions and maintained by its wisdom and loyalty.

It is fitting also for the Convention to come here this year because of the general converging of the interest of the Church toward the College by reason of the raising of the Special Fund of $50,000 which has just been completed. The brethren will be glad to visit the place for which their generosity has made such handsome provision in a critical hour and we here are genuinely reciprocating that wish on their part. Quite a number of the delegates have sons or daughters or both in school here at this time and are, of course, anxious to visit us on that account. Quite a number of the Alumni of the College are members of the Convention and will be glad of a visit to Alma Mater. It will be educative in the large sense to the students to have this body sit in four days' session in their midst. Our citizens too are delighted at the thought of the charming fellowship in their homes such as the personnel of this body is famous for developing and spreading abroad. So that, all in all, it would seem that it is a fortunate train of circumstances which brings Elon and this Convention together this year, and we are looking forward to it with more than ordinary pleasure, in anticipation of great and permanent profit, uplift, and inspiration.

We hope that every delegate, ministerial and lay, will attend or see that his proxy does, and we hope also that many who are not delegates will come as visitors. I think we make a mistake as a people not to attend the public gatherings of our Church, unless we are clothed with the authority of delegates. We give our delegates our right to vote, it is true, but there is no reason why we should not attend in person for the inspiration we will receive and give by our presence. Elon will gladly welcome visitors as well as delegates to this Convention. We wish all to come.

The Convention promises to be one of large profit and we trust that it will launch many matters sorely needed among us and so prove to be a Convention of vision. Dr. Lightbourne and Brother Netum Rathburn have already signified their intention to come and we have inklings of the probable attendance of Drs. Powers and Barrett. The program committee and the various boards of the Convention and President Staley are all at work, planning for the public exercises, and the good house-wives of Elon are meditating on ways and means for the private sessions, so that we may with confidence prophesy the best yet of all our Conventions, to which end let us all labor and pray and **get ready to come.**

The College is exceedingly happy at this writing in the annual visit of Dr. Frank Samuel Child, Fairfield, Conn., one of Elon's staunchest, truest, most loyal friends. His lectures and sermons are being largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Mrs. Child accompanies him.

W. A. Harper.

—President Roosevelt was exceedingly popular and many felt that he was making a good Chief Executive. But Ex-President Roosevelt does not appear so popular, and much glory that he formerly won has faded. When it has become apparent that any man is self-centered, has an exalted opinion of his power and popularity, it matters not how great and useful that man has been, then interest in and esteem for him begin to wane. There is no worse foe to fame and usefulness than the feeling that Self has grown great, important, indispensable. Humility, unselfishness, esteem for others are among the most exalted of Christian virtues that have made men great.

—Interest in the forth coming Convention at Elon College April 30—May 3rd, is developing and prospects are for a profitable session. There are questions of vital concern to be discussed, not the least among them being that of Foreign Missions. Shall we go backward, or shall we rally and take advanced ground?

SUNDAY SCHOOLS and CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

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Edited by Charles A. Hines, Greensboro, N. C., editorial secretary of the Young People's General Convention.

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Motto: A Christian Endeavor Society in each Church; Teacher Training and Organized Classes in each Sunday-School.

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The secretary will be glad to give any information as to any of the things the convention stands for and where literature can be obtained. Contributions are invited and every class or society should make frequent reports to the above address.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD.

The Young People's Convention officers are exceedingly anxious to get in some effective work in our churches in the next three months. We would like to organize classes and Christian Endeavor Socities in every church. There are two kinds of classes to be organized in the Sunday school—teacher training classes and new movement classes. Some one in each church must get in touch with us if we are to accomplish this. We have arranged for a number of speakers who will visit your church and talk on organized classes, teacher training, and Christian Endeavor. Will you not let us help you in making a more efficient Sunday school and getting a society organized? Write to the address given above if you will.

Rev. W. L. Wells is doing a splinded work in Columbus, Ga.' to which place he recently went from North Carolina. On February 18th he organized an enthusiastic Endeavor society. The following were named as officers: President, W. L. Wells; Vice-president, Miss Pearl Elder; Secretary, Miss Jossie Hiller; Treasurer, Miss Neta Hiller. We believe that this society will accomplish much. It is with pleasure we welcome this new band into the fold.

The First Christian Church, Greensboro, recently adopted the Duplex envelopes. As a result, the church treasurer reported at the first quarterly meeting a few days ago that all bills were paid for the quarter and there was a small balance in the treasury. This was done in a church that usually ran far behind and had most of its money to raise at the end of the year. To show how pennies and dimes count, the treasurer of the foreign mission fund reported that in his end of the envelopos $37. had been given during the quarter made up of the following offering: dollars 3; half-dollars, 3; quarter-dollars, 22; dimes, 64; nickels, 306; pennies 531.

WHEN REWARDS ARE GIVEN.

There is a great difference in Sunday-school in the success of methods for awakening interest, increasing and holding attendence, prizes for varions kinds of work and progress. This is partly due to the fact that not all leaders realize that these plans are useful according to the genuine earnest effort that is put into them. They will soon fail of themselves like a perpetual-motion machine. For instance, where there is a "banner class" scheme, it arouses little attention, and no enthusiasm, to announce amid a dozen other notices that "class No. 1* has the banner today." Here is a superintendent who makes the whole school stop and listen when he announces the banner class. If it is a boy's class he sometimes has them march out to the platform to the music of the piano, presents them the banner with a half-minute speech on the value of punctuality and faithfulness, and then they march back again. So when badges or prizes are given, put into the symbol as much as possible of the thing which is symbolized. Symbols considered by themselves either become worthless, or else they become idols. Let the school see that you believe in the things that banners, badges and prizes stand for; use them as if they had a meaning, and the school will come to see thet meaning also.

Mr Lawrence has asked the Sunday-school workers of North America to aim at a 100 per cent. increase all round in the next three years, and he has the faith to believe that they willl accomplish this object.

His sevenfold proposal includes a complete organization of the field: a gain of a million scholars a year; the organization of 3,333 new mission schools a year; the formation of 50,000 adult Bible classes; the enrollment of 300,000 teachers in training classes; the contribution to the International Association of a sum equal to one-tenth of the local budget; and lastly, the conversion of a million persons a year for the next three years. "Every sixteen officers, teachers, and schoolars," said Mr. Lawrence," ought to be able to win one soul for Christ in twelve months,and this would reach the goal."

NOTES ON C. E. TOPIC. MARCH 17.

Subject—"Success Worth Having and Not Worth Having." Dan. 4: 28-37.

In an age that is so thoroughly commercial, it is not unnatural that wrong ideals have been set up and encouraged in our country, even though it be the land of free and brave and notwithstanding our boasted motto that all men are created equal.

It has been truly said that too many men spell the goal of every man's ambition with the language that God recognizes such characters are unknown. Dollars' may be incident to success in many cases, but it is never the end or aim of him who desires the largest accomplishment.

It is said that in central Australia there grows what is known as the Nardoo plant, which although it satisfies hunger is destitute of nutritious substances. Men have been known to feast upon,satisfy their hunger and yet starve to death.So it is with money getting or pleasnre seeking. Men may satisfy their selfish desires and passions in the business and social spheres of life and yet starve to death their souls and all that is highest and best in them. To the man that seeks money or pleasnre there can be no success—he never has enough of either—it only increases and makes insatiable a desire that he has nurtured.Millions of people are starving their inner lives and are allowing their souls and better selves to become shrivelled and parched in a senseless quest for pleasure and wealth.

It is not success to have your name onevery tongue. It is not success to have more money than any one else in your town or country. It is not success to own an automobile. It is not success to hold office or have power. True success consists not in what you accomplish for yonrself but what you do for others. No man is remembered or honored by what he has done for himself but what he has done for others. Some people picture as a sucess the man who gathers all to himself; God's idea is the man who gathers only to pass what he gets on to others more needy. The life that receives all and gives nothing may be likened to the Dead sea, which receives from a hundred pure streams yet is nothing more than a stagnant, death-dealing lake. The mountain spring has not more than a gallon of water in it at the time, but this is always fresh and pure. what it receives it rapidly gives again to the waiting world that streches away. It feeds with other springs the brook, the creek, the river. Fertile fields lie on either side, cattle are given drink, commerce is borne upon the bosom of the river—all because the springs have given together to make the big stream.

Such is charity. The pennies, like the spring, seem to be small; the nickels, like the branch, are not much within themselves, yet these make up the river upon which we can send to the foreign field the missionary whose message will carry refreshing drink to a thirsting people.

I fancy that when the great day of days comes' and we stand to see the judgment of our King, there will be many surprises for us. The names that have figured in our daily papers will not be the ones applauded in Heaven, but we shall find that our successful contemporaries are those

who have worked to lift up fallen brothers and to make a little more smooth the path of their fellowmen. God will say "Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these, ye did it unto me.

Thoughts On The Topic.

Believe me, the talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well and doing well whatever you do, without a thought of fame.—Longfellow.

"Do you know, sir, that I am worth a million sterling?" a man once asked of John Bright. "I do," was the reply and I know that is all you are worth."—Marden.

He hah achieved success who has lived well, laughed often, and loved much; who has gained the respect of intelligent men and the love of little children; who has filled his niche and accomplished his task; who has left the world better than he found it, whether by an improved poppy, a perfect poem, or a rescued soul; who has never lacked appreciation of earth's beauty or failed to express it; who has always looked for the best in others and given the best he had; whose life was an inspiration, whose memory is a benediction.—E. A. Stanley.

In a colored congregation objections had been made to the frequency of appeals for money. But the preacher said, "Brederen I nebber knew a church to die of too much gibben, and when I find such a one I mean to climb ober the moss-cobbered roof and by de pale light of de moon I will write on de top-most shingle, Blessed am de dead dat die in de Lord.—Denton.

Daily Readings.

M. Was Lot a success?_____Gen. 19:15, 30
T. Dangerous success____1Kings 11: 9-14
W. Our danger _____Deut. 32: 9-14
T. Consecrated success ____Gen. 41: 57-46
F. Successful against self ____Rom. 7: 1-3
S. Success in failure _____John 2: 18-22
S. Topic.

COLLEGE NEWS.

On last Friday evening Dr. Frank S. Child delivered a most helpful and inspiring lecture in the College Auditorium before the students and a large number of visitors. Dr. Childs' subject was "Books and Reading" and this subject was made so interesting and so many helpful suggestions made, that already it has begun to work a revolution in the reading habits of the student body. Dr. Child said that every one should foster and cherish a private library, and mentioned the following books which should form the nucleus: The Bible, Shakespeare and a good Dictionary.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Child made a talk to the Book Club of her trip to Greece. The Book Club is now studying Greece, and Mrs. Child's lecture was very much appreciated and very appropriate just at this time.

Rev. J. F. Burnett, D. D., Dayton, O., has accepted an invitation to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon here at commencement. The literary address will be made by Hon. Richard Pearson Hobson from Alabama. The college is very fortunate in having these listinguished gentlemen here at commencement and their coming is looked forward to with much interest and enthusiasm.

The Annual High School Declaimers' Contest will be held on Good Friday before Faster. Some fifteen or twenty high schools of the state have signified their intention to send representatives, and this contest, which was inaugurated last year, has come to be a very interesting one and quite a number of visitors are expected at this time.

The preliminary contest for selecting a representative for the College in the State Peace Contest which is to be held some time this spring, will be held on the 23rd of March. About half a dozen college men are preparing to enter this contest which promises to be a hotly contested affair, and the winning of this place as representative is ranked high in the gamut of college honors.

Examinations begin next Saturday. Already the proverbial midnight oil is beginning to be consumed, and from the general grade of class work done during the present term, the results of the examination will be most gratifying. The "exam" period will last a week.

On Saturday evening of last week, Miss Ethel Clements, Head of the Department of Expression and Dramatics in the College, entertained the Dramatic Club most delightfully in the parlors of West Dormitory. Suitable games were engaged in and delicious refreshments were served. At ten-thirty the light signal dispersed the guests, and they reluctantly took their leave, pronouncing Miss Clements a model hostess and a charming entertainer.

The fire escapes of the College Building and the East Dormitory are at last completed and make these two buildings present a very modern appearance. It is, of course, hoped that no need will ever arise for these improvements, but in time of peace prepare for an emergency is our creed. The work on the extensive improvement at West Dormitory is progressing rapidly.

Rev. J. L. Foster, our genial townsman and efficient Superintendent of the Christian Orphanage, is now on an extensive pleasure trip to the South. At this writing he is in the midst of the luxuries of Florida and is profiting by his long needed rest and relief. A. L. L.

March 4, 1912.

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WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIG N MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT.

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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY ORGANIZED.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the First Christian Church of Greensboro was organized Jan. 24, 1912, five charter members, with their pastor, being present. The constitution submitted by the General Conference Board for Auxiliary Societies was adopted, and officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. L. E. Smith; Vice-President, Mrs. S. A. Caveness; Secretary, Mrs. W. R. Williams; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Pearce; Cradle Roll Department, Mrs. L. M. Clymer.

The main object of our first month's work was to secure new members, to which end all were appointed members of the Lookout Committee for the ensuing month. As a result, at our next meeting in February, we found our number increased to twelve active and four honorary members with several promises for others. As we feel we are not yet sufficiently informed concerning needs, either our own for study, or where we can probably be of most help, a decided course of study and a definite aim to which to work were postponed until the next quarter. But in the meantime we have made plans by which to raise at least ten dollars a month for foreign work and at each meeting to have a regular program of helpful selections that will foster interest in the work.

As a whole, we find people are not so wide awake to the needs of this great work as they should be—which seems to be the case generally in our churches. Consequently the work will progress more slowly than we might wish, but will only require fidelity and patience. We believe in time ours is destined to be a strong organization for few churches have more loyal, sacrificing, earnest workers in His vineyard than are to be found in the church here. To such is God's promise. (Mrs. L. E. Smith.)

FROM A JAPAN MAIL BAG.

Dear Co-worker:

The following quotation from a recent Japan Mail was very interesting to me. Accounts of dear conversions are always interesting, but this was more so because it shows our object in asking that a Girl's School shall be one of the necessary things, whatever the Year's Missionary budget may be, or however simple its equipment. You who worked for Elon College know our difficulties. There are no new or peculiar ones, except that most of the objections appear in America where we are too far away to meet and explain the matter until it has done injury. There is a strong sentiment in favor of the Girl's School among our people, but it seems that it needs to be re-inforced until at the next Board Meeting the School shall be given its share of funds and endorsement. Most Missions start their educational work when the second family comes to the Field and the Girl's School with the first single missionary.

It is partly our fault on the field that we are late in laying our foundation for Woman's Work. We have been delighted with the interest taken in the School by our people. When they know that Mrs. Fry is at great sacrifice continuing the school herself and expects to do so until our people take up the work again. I think they will support her in it and help the Mission Board to be "wiser today than yesterday," to put in practice a good quotation by Newcomb in the August Christian Missionary (and if you do not take the Missionary you miss many good things).

"We do not hold to yesterday's breath or yesterday's dinner. We may safely let go, perhaps, of yesterday's opinions."

Yours for Church Schools in both America and Japan. Alice True.

The quotation follows:

"Broken Earthenware."

Recently the writer read a book by one Harold Bigbie called "Broken Earthenware." It is an interesting and startling statement of how the most unsavory odds and ends of that used to be men can be gathered together and made to live and be glad. * * * If the miner's method of extracting wealth from heaps of rubbish be worth study, and if superfine stationery born of rags and garbage heaps can delight and surprise us, what shall we say of a science that takes fag ends from the gutter and makes out of them good men and women?

This is by way of introduction.

At the corner of the street just under the hill lives Cheung. He is a thatch vendor, which occupation has rendered him two benefits; one money to buy drink with and the other, rest and refreshment when he is heavily laden.

Cheung was no common drinker with only a red nose and bleared eye to show for it; not he. He was known to the world and all of Seoul as a man who could terrify invisible spirits by the awful manner of his spree.

A hard, rancous voice he had and a pair of fog horn lungs, a willowy kind of body too, loosely hung together, that would wave to and fro, double up and recover, go all ways at once and yet never lose its footing. Its exercises were preliminary out-with-it-all in the middle of the street. Cheung took a few days to work up to his best pitch. He accosted every man that went by. If no reply was forthcoming he would swing off after the passer with blue curses and threatenings. Each retreating footstep added to the general weight of aggravation. Something had gone wrong with the entire universe in the mind of Cheung. He talked to himself, kicked high at the stone wall in front, flung odds and ends, cast dust in the air, roared and burst and blew. In the knowledge of the writer, this lasted for ten years and more.

Certainly English "punchers" may be deeper in 'lack kinds of devilment, but as a demon of diabolic uproars, none ever surpassed Cheung. The police, like the other side and the street periodically yielded up the ghost and lay prone while Cheung had his innings.

Suddenly a day came when it ceased. Cheung was gone. Some one looking a bit like him was seen going repeatedly with quiet step and softened manner to a neighboring meeting house. He carried a New Testament and was seen often with his face to the floor praying. The date arrived for the returning rampage, but it did not materialize. Month followed month and the old demon of confusion was evidently dead. Cheung is a quiet oldish man now who frequently says that God has been good to him. How came it about? A little daughter of his was sent to the Mission School.

She learned her lessons and drank deep the teaching, learned to pray and read and to tell others what she had found of interest. How she approached that wild father of hers, what she said, how her little-girl faith grappled on to his untamed soul, with what soft influences she wooed him away from his world of wild devils

and landed him safe in a region of eternal calm, I know not.

She is but a plain, low class little girl with poor ancestry and homely face, but like Daniel of old the spirit of the eternal God is in her and she is in touch personally with that great and wondrous Mystery who deals with Broken Earthenware. Spectator.

ORGANIZE A WOMAN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY IN YOUR CHURCH.

It is only a short while now until our S. C. C. meets in its biennial session, yet there is time to do much telling work in the organization of Women's Societies in our churches if we all pull together. Let's make a special effort during the month of March. Won't you do what you can to help in this work? You may feel you are incapable of doing the work, yet, if you are consecrated to His service, God can use you. Read Jas. 1: 5, 6, and rely on the promise there. The time has come for us to no longer put off this work. The following leaflet may offer some suggestions as to the organizing of societies:

A Woman's Missionary Society—has your church one? If not, why not? Is it not time for the good women of the Southern Christian churches to have a part in Woman's Work? We think so!

A Plea.

Our hope is, and prayer, too, that this little pamphlet may fall into the hands of a pastor who cares, or some good, wide awake member of the local church, who will act, so that something long since needed, and now so very much demanded, will really and actually take place.

A Plan.

Our plan, and our prayer, too, is that a Woman's Missionary Society shall be organized in every church in every conference of the Southern Christian Convention. Have we not waited long enough? Is there not room for us, and is there not need for our work? Yes, we have had, many years and now have, our Aid Societies. But these, as a rule are for local work; to help out in matters of need in or about the church. But a Woman's Missionary Society, that is another, a better, a greater work. It bids us look beyond our doors, and calls for information about and help in the home and foreign field. Can't we women have a share in this?

A Pursuit.

Our pursuit shall be, and our prayers, too, for konwledge about missionary needs, fields, aims, and what we can do to help share the glory and bear the burden of missionary work. We want a hand in world-wide evangelization. We want a part in helping the places of great need in the home land. Is not this a wholesome and a worthy pursuit? We think so. Dear pastor, dear interested church worker, won't you help us?

A Program.

Our program, and our prayer, too, is for you to take up the matter of organizing a Woman's Missionary Society in your church. Will you do it? With your help we can do the work. Without it we may fail. Follow this program; Ask the women members of your church to meet you at the church, or in some convenient home, at a stated time. Meet them there. Talk with them about what is needed, what the demands are, what opportunities open up before us. Read over to them our Constitution—any number of copies of this you can get free of charge by addressing your request to The Christian Sun, Elon College, N. C. Follow the plan of organization laid down in the constitution. Pray God to direct and lead you. Inspire your new society with life and zeal. Have it write to the Chairman or Secretary of your Conference Board (name and address given in your Annual) or address The Christian Sun, Elon College, for other literature or other help and suggestions.

A Pull.

Will you? Please do. The work needs you, and you need the work. The world is made up of two classes, those who pull, and those who have to be pulled. Won't you help us pull? It will lighten the load and will increase your strength. If we can help you let us know. You can help us. This is why we are letting you know

A Purpose.

That the women of the churches shall have a chance. We have been idle long enough. Help us get organized and turn us loose at this great and good work. We women must do our part.

If you need further help address the undersigned, or The Christian Sun, Elon College, N. C., and your request will have prompt attention.

Sincerely yours, in His name,

Mrs. C. H. Rowland,
Chr. Woman's Bd. Missions of Southern Christian Convention.
Franklin, Va.

Conshohocken Letter.

Almost a full month has passed since my last letter, but I can't realize it at all. Weather conditions have improved some which means improvement in church attendance and work generally. Attendance last Sunday was the best we have had since we came, both at Sunday school and church. My Bible class, which had a membership of 18, has finally reached an enrollment of 50 and we are now trying to reach the 75 mark during the next thirty days. The offerings of this class during the past two months have averaged $1.57 per Sunday. Miss Anna Beale, the president, the first member I received on coming to this field, recently entertained the class at her home on Ford Street. Miss Beale presided over the occasion with grace and proved herself fully equal to every duty. The parlors and halls were filled. Prayer was offered by the pastor. Then followed a full chorus of song by all present, and then an interesting business period or session, during which reports were called for, several new members enrolled and a motion adopted to furnish every member with a membership certificate. "No victory without labor," was adopted as the class motto, and they decided to be known as the "Square Deal Bible Class," of Gulf Mills Church. Then followed a delightful social period in which both young and old participated, light refreshments were served and it was a question as to which enjoyed the occasion more, the old or the young.

Some of our friends abroad have seemed a little alarmed at the report that we were about to organize a Boys' Glee Club in the church here. Speculations are rife as to what it will be, if we are to have smoking, general carousing and a frolic. But such speculations are not coming from this way, nor disturbing the peace and tranquility of any hereabout. The Boys' Glee Club will have an evening occasionally, when the pastor will meet them, pray with them, address them and try to encourage them, and to inspire them. They will be taught in vocal music and to practice sacred and patriotic songs. It is an effort to train the boys for the best possible Christian citizenship, and service. Don't get scared, brother, all is quiet along the line and the Glee Club will never upturn the church.

This month seems to have been a month for social affairs with our people. Last Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Sociey, an interesting program of music, recitations, addresses, etc., was rendered in the Sunday school room, which was well-filled. I believe the people feel more interest in each other, and in the church, because of the occasion. Seventy-six dollars ($76.00) was left as a free-will offering for the use of the Aid Society. The ladies served hot coffee and cake.

Prayer meetings have recently been well attended and many have taken an active part in testifying for Christ. We have

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THE CHRISTIAN ORPHANAGE.

Rev. Jas. L. Foster, Editor, Elon College.

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Amount brought forward	**$313.23**
Dues.	
Henry Lewis Redman	.05
Holt Gerringer	.10
Ewell Argenbright	.10
Dwight Hillis Lankford	.10
Monthly S. S. Offering.	
Wakefield, Va.	$1.39
Rose Hill, Ga.	1.32
O'Kelly's Chapel, N. C.	.51
Ebenezer, N. C.	.80
Virgilina, Va.	1.00
Special Offering.	
J. W. Ingle, subscription	15.00
T. J. Fraley, Burlington,	10.00
Good Hope, N. C.	1.56
Amount 5th week	$32.03
Total	$345.26

My Dear Children and Friends:

Our town is once more flooded with sunshine. Spring seems to be peeping out and a few days ago the first thunder of the season was heard. We will all be glad when the weather is settled and the children happy when they can again be out of doors. Baseball is the cry with the boys and already games are planned with neighboring teams. Our boys are hard to beat and like to try their skill. What a pity some boys will not become as much enthused over their studies as they are on the ball ground!

Friends are responding to our appeal to liquidate the debt of the Orphanage and we do appreciate their help so much. Names and amounts will be reported soon. With best wishes to all,

Cordially, Uncle Jim.

Nathalie, Va., Feb. 20, 1912.

I will send in my dime for this month. I am rather late this time, but don't aim to be as late any more.

I am going to school now. I like to go to school all right. My aunt, Miss Elsie Bray, is my teacher. I like her all right.

How have the cousins been standing the cold weather? I have been enoying the snow and ice fine. Hope the cousins are all well. With much love, I am

Your loving niece, Agnes Whitt.

A hard winter, Agnes, but the health of our little ones has been good, notwithstanding the severe weather.

Mt. Clinton, Va., Feb. 26, '12.

Dear Uncle Jim:

The weather has gotten much warmer and we are having a great deal of rain and mud

I have finished reading the New Testament and have started to read the Old Testament through. I wish I could understand more of it. I enclose a dime.

Lovingly,

Ewell Argenbright.

You will, dear, as you grow older understand much that now seems dark. Reading the Bible every day is a habit we should form in early youth...

2735 Beacon Ave., Columbus, Ga.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I am a little boy just eight months old and have been sick all of my life; so I cannot sit alone good yet, but I have five little teeth. I have taken lots of old bad medicine, but Mamma hopes I will soon be well. Enclosed you will find five cents that brother gave me. I close with much love to you and the cousins.

Your little nephew,

Henry Lewis Redmond.

You are welcome to our ranks, Baby Henry, and we most sincerely hope you will grow well and strong. Another little letter from the South makes our corner warm and bright.

Wadley, Ala., Feb. 26, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

I am at home again and was so glad to see my Pa and Ma and you may know they were glad to see me for I had been gone four weeks.

I am going back to "Papa's" some time real soon with mother and am expecting a great time then because the weather will be better and they will let me out more.

We are expecting father home this afternoon. We get lonesome when he has to go off and leave us by ourselves so long.

Here is my dime and love for the children. Your little nephew,

Dwight Hillis Lankford.

A visit with mother will make things O. K., Dwight, for both you and she will have a happier time. Glad indeed to know you are again together, 'though Grandma will miss the dear baby boy.

Franklinton, N. C., Jan. 20, 1912.

Dear Uncle Jim:

Christmas came and so did Santa Claus, Willie, "Uncle Bem," Boppa and Dada. Santa Claus brought sister and me a lovely Christmas tree "wif" candles and red, white blue and gold balls and "angel hair." The tree was in the center of a mirror on which five little ducks were swimming. A little Santa Claus was standing by. We still have the tree and I want to touch it first thing in the morning and last thing at night, as it is on a table at the foot of my bed. Santa Claus brought everything I wrote for, that someone else did not give, and some things beside—a roly-poly on wheels, 2 tops, a banjo, 2 books—"Three Little Pigs," and "My Very First Book of Letters;" a bunch of celery, box of animal crackers, apple and "orange juice," (orange.) He also brought a stocking full of little things. We had lots of fun counting and pulling out the fifteen articles on a board across Boppa's knees.

My socks had money in them. Grandma gave me a dollor bill, Aunt Willie, 50 cents, Aunt Annie, 25 cents, and a box of A. B. C. blocks and Boppa a $2½ gold piece, a little train, a red and green ball and a horn. Dada gave a key trumpet and Mama an express wagon that Deacon Tom Nurney gave her in Suffolk, when she was my age.

Pon and Cousin Rebekah Mitchell each gave a climbing monkey; Melissa Cook sent 2 kerchiefs with C's in the corners; Margaret Rawls, a cart hitched to an elephant with an Indian in the cart and also a sack full of candy and nuts from her Christmas tree. Aunt Ethel sent a little Indian boy doll and carriage. Aunt Annie Crawford's children, a big ball; Jessamine and Susan Cheatham, a box of blocks and a pair of handkerchiefs with Teddy Bears in the corners.

From my "fweetheart," Margaret West, I received a beautiful plate with 2 little girls and boys painted in it. It is fine because it doesn't turn over and the food doesn't spill out when I dip it up.

I was one happy child with so many gifts and Christmas cards.

Here is a new dime Grandma gave me. A Happy New Year to all.

William Staley Cheatham.

Guess you were happy, dear Santa and friends were so good to you and I believe you are a good boy anyway, arn't you?

Some people get closer to God by getting closer to their fellowmen. They do not believe that God is up above the clouds, nor that He is shut in by all the doors and windows of all the churches. They think that whosoever wants to find God will find Him quickest where He has set His image and breathed His breath, in the midst of the great family of His human children.—Dean Hodges.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Raleigh Christian Church Building Fund.

Dear Friends:

Please keep in mind that we want to do something worth while at Raleigh. We want one thousand persons to subscribe to the fund within the next ninety days. Will you be one to help in this great undertaking? We need your help and we need it now. Please do not delay the matter. The sooner you help the better, since your gifts will help encourage others to give liberally. Remember that actions speak louder than words.

Standing of the fund:

Reported Feb. 14th	$4,631.73
Received since—	
R. W. King, Raleigh	$10.00
Henry Hicks, Raleigh	10.00
John Hobby, Raleigh	5.00
A. A. Rowland, Raleigh	5.00
O. P. Hay, Raleigh	5.00
Don Carpenter, Raleigh	5.00
J. D. Riggan, Raleigh	5.00
Atlanta Paper Co., Atlanta	5.00
J. C. Coper & Co., Norfolk, Va.	5.00
Scott & Co., Norfolk, Va.	3.15
C. Bruna & Son, New York	3.50
M. Rosenthall, Raleigh	2.00
L. M. Oden, Raleigh	1.00
J. N. McRary, Raleigh	1.00
W. K. Miller, Raleigh.	1.00
Total, Feb. 21st.	$4,718.03

L. F. Johnson, Pastor.

Winchester Notes.

We had a good day at the Winchester Church Sunday. Our Sunday morning congregation was larger than usual. A young man was received into fellowship and baptized, it being the first time we had used the pool. The sermon was followed by the communion service in which a large number participated. It was raining in the afternoon, but 79 came out to Sunday school. Home Department and Cradle Roll superintendents were elected and will go to work immediately. The Bible class also organized by the election of officers.

We have over one hundred enrolled in our school and are striving to get the regular attendance to one hundred before the end of the quarter.

At six-thirty, we met at the church again and organized a Christian Endeavor Society. Our people are entering into the work enthusiastically and we are looking for good results. Seven-thirty found us in the church service again with a congregation of over 250. At the close of the service, three candidates were baptized.

Yesterday was a rainy day followed by a rainy night, but notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather, we had 50 at our mid-week prayer meeting.

Our prospects are the brightest here I have seen them since I began the work.

Owing to the stagnation of work and business, caused by the coldest winter this section has experienced for years, I have thought it best not to prosecute a canvass for funds until the spring opens.

The following contributions have been received:

Previously reported	$5,449.31
Cash—	
Cash offering	$6.04
A Friend	.25
P. H. Chrisman	5.00
Mrs. P. H. Chrisman	2.50
William Stuffy	2.00
Sale of surplus material	28.00
C. Fred Barr	.75
Ladies' Aid Society	8.50
Labor and material	——
C. B. Grim	.67
C. Fred Barr	2.50
Total	$5,505.42

We are grateful for all these contributions. We ask an interest in the prayers of the brotherhood in behalf of our work here.

W. T. Walters.

Winchester, Va., Feb. 22, 1912.

Wakefield Notes.

The months pass so rapidly we hardly know whether we are living in February or March or some other month. Yet, we feel that even if time seems short from one year to the other, there is a good deal done as we go in and out among our people. Life in any vocation is a routine. We eat three times a day, rest and sleep each night, if not disturbed, three hundred and sixty five times each year of our whole life and think but little about it, and especially if we are in good health. Business is much the same. Religion is often put off till some other time, then thinking that after eating, resting, sleeping and making enough money, then religion would naturely fall in the routine of life, but not so. God has said, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God (religion) and other things shall be added. Then while life is a routine, why not give religion a prominent place in each of our lives, and attend to each heavenly call as they present themselves to us. Men are prompt in business and succeed. Students who are earnest and faithful attain to wisdom. Some churches have shown themselves well approved of God and of men, but is it not an appalling fact that there is a great lack as to the church's full purpose. Why the lack? Did not the boy Christ say, "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Should not these words apply to us individually and to the church collectively, and if carried out there would be no lack. Then if there is lack, as we know there is, we as Christian people ought to ferret out the cause and make it known to the church and the individual that the lack be filled. Stop and think, dear reader. Are we about the Father's business, or are we about some other person's business, and thus causing a leak in our own religious experience and in the church to which we belong?

Yes, we preach twice every Sunday and sometimes three times, and often eat and drink with publicans and sinners, visit in and out among or people, come home and prepare to go out again. Perhaps preach a funeral one day and marry a happy couple the next, so is the preacher's life the year in and the year out. Yet, we have a good time all the way through, because God is with us if we be true. Our good people are as kind to us as they can be and we wish to thank all who have contributed to our needs.

C. C. Jones.

MARRIED.

Braithwaite-Hoover.

February 8th, Mr. Clark N. Braithwaite and Miss Mary A. Hoover were united in marriage at the parsonage, Winchester, Va., the ceremony was performed by writer. Both parties are natives of Frederick County, Va., and they will make their future home in Winchester. The groom is an empolyee of the Cumberland Valley R. R. Co.

W. T. Walters.

Barlow-Carroll.

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1912, Mr. Walter O. Barlow and Miss Mattie R. Carroll, of near Wakefield, Va., were quietly married at the Lexington Hotel, Richmond, Va., in the presence of the writer, the officiating minister, and Miss Rena Richardson, their special friend. Immediately after the ceremony we drove to the groom's sister's Mrs. Z. Hedgpeth, Nicholson St., where we enjoyed a wedding repast. Mr. and Mrs. Barlow remained in Richmond a few days, after which they returned to their home near Wakefield.

Mr. Barlow is a good business man and much liked wherever he is known. Miss Carroll is a quiet Christian woman and is held in high esteem in her community. We wish the popular and happy pair a long and useful life.

C. C. Jones.

Gardner Joyner.

Mr. Albert D. Gardner and Miss Grace Belle Joyner became one on Wednesday of February 28, 1912, at the bride's home near Manry, Va., in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Miss Eva Epps,

played the wedding march. The writer officiated, using the ring ceremony. After congratulations the young couple, accompanied by several of their friends drove to Wakefield, Va., and took the N. & W. for Washington, D. C., the groom's home.

Mr. Gardner is an intelligent young gentleman, and holds a prominent position as book-keeper in his city.

Miss Grace was one of the most popular young ladies of her community and we shall miss her very much in church and home circle. C. C. Jones.

DIED.

Bowling.

Bro. G. J. Bowling departed this life at the age of sixty-three years. A good man has fallen. He was a member of Christian Chapel Church and had been for many years. He leaves to mourn their loss a wife, five children, one brother and a host of friends. Brother Bowling had been twice married. To the first union God gave six children, two now living, four dead. Of the second union three are dead and three living.

Onthe 22nd we laid him away to sleep the long sleep of death in Christian Chapel cemetery. Funeral by the writer.

J. S. Carden.

Durham, N. C.

Jackson.

At his home, Romney, W. Va., Sunday, Feb. 18th, Luther H. Jackson, Chief of Police of Romney, departed this life at the age of fifty-seven years, and ten months. He had been a member of Timber Ridge Church for many years. His life was such as to command the confidence, respect and esteem of all who knew him. The funeral services were conducted from Timber Ridge Church by the writer, the order of Modern Woodmen taking part in the commital services. A large gathering of people bore testimony of the esteem in which he was held. He leaves to mourn his departure, a widow, two sons, Myrtle and Earnest, and three daughters, Maud, Esther and Mrs. Walter Oates, two brothers and one sister, Mrs. Wm. Eaton. May God bless and comfort the bereaved ones. W. T. Walters.

Thanks.

Dear Bro. Atkinson:

Please allow me to thank the following friends for donations sent me last week as expressed sympathy in the loss of my house by fire on the 10th. inst.:

Dr. Southers (a stranger)	$5.00
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A Friend (unknown)	10.00

I have been requested to state the cause of the fire. It is supposed to be the result of a defective brick flue in the second story of the new house, or a rat igniting a lost match, there being a severe wind storm at that time. I had worked hard and prepared a good home in which to rest and spend my last days if I should live to be old and when not able to work; but in an unexpected hour this house was burned when I thought least of such a loss, and when I supposed it to be insured, as I had not been notified of the expiration of the insurance policy. This is like unto lives of many today, laying up in store in this world's goods and forgetting the salvation of the soul, and in an hour when they think not the Son of Man cometh—yes without any notice. Reader, are you ready? With me it is all right. I am not grieving over this loss; but I am getting spiritual food out of it. "There is a house not made with hands, eternal and in the heavens." Some time by grace I am expecting to live in it. That house will never be destroyed. We all can live in it. Again I thank all sympathyzing friends. S. B. Klapp.

1204 N. Dairy St., Greensboro, N. C.

—Rev. R. L. Williamson, Harrisonburg, Va., is now in a meeting at Newport, Va. The attendance has been good and there have been two accessions. Bro. Williamson will be in meetings till about the middle of April.

—Mrs. Minnie Farmer Cook is active in organizing a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in Pleasant Grove Church, Halifax County, Va. This is one of our very best country churches and Sister Cook is one of our most interested and devoted workers and we shall count on this Society's growth and success.

—The leaflet recently sent out by Mrs. C. H. Rowland, Chairman Woman's Mission Board of the S. C. C., a copy of which is printed in her department in The Sun this week, should have wide reading and attention. We do not believe the good women of our churches are going to remain idle in the matter of missions and this "Plea, Plan and Purpose" should be heeded, as we believe it will be in many quarters.

—Eight members have been added to the Ponce, Porto Rico, Christian Church since Christmas, says The Herald of Gospel Liberty. Work is soon to begin on the new house of worship in Ponce, Dr. M. T. Morrill, Foreign Mission Secretary being now on his way to Porto Rico to carry plans for the new building and begin the work there. This will doubtless give new impetus to the work in Ponce and serve to increase the interest and the already flourishing membership there.

—Writing from Wadley, Alabama, Rev. G. D. Hunt sends the cheering information that he hopes to attend the Convention at Elon College, April 30—May 3rd. That he particularly wants to see the Orphanage and the College, "the President of the College and the Editor of The Sun," which latter clause argues that Bro. Hunt is a brave man and does not object to the troubles and hardships of this life for he had the President and the Editor on his hands several days last fall. But Bro. Hunt carries ever a heart radiant with sunbeams and the Convention will be the better and the happier for his coming.

—Rev. Warren Hathaway Denison, 327 W. High St., Huntington, Ind., was to resign his pastorate with the Huntington Church last Sunday, having accepted the call to our Memorial Church, Norfolk, Va. Bro. Denison has done great service with the Huntington Church the past five years, as he does wherever he goes, and he leaves the work there with reluctance. His pastorate in Norfolk is to begin the first week in June. We heartily congratulate our Norfolk brethren in securing Bro. Denison than whom there is no minister amongst us of a more lovable spirit, nor with better record as a faithful and efficient pastor. Bro. Denison will be welcomed heartily by the South (in which he should have been born anyway) and will be given here abundant work and opportunity.

—There was a shooting, and at this writing likely a killing, of one citizen by Concord, March 4th, over a small account, or more specifically, the small interest on a small account, due the one to the other, the whole amount being a very few dollars at most. Such tragedies bring to mind the ancient, and the modern proverb, "The love of money is the root of all evil."

—The several Letters to The Sun were never more interesting and vital, as it seems, than those in this issue. The Departments this week measure up to the best, and the several contributions are worthy of close reading and consideration. Unless we have over estimated their value, it will well pay one to stop awhile and read what our contributors have to say in this issue.

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had some real refreshing seasons in these services. The people this way are exceedingly kind to us, and all possible has been done to make us feel at home. May I say here for the interest of Brother H. H. Butler that we received many phone calls for funerals, but thus far, none for marriages. Now do you envy me, "Brother Harry?"

I have received several very kind letters of interest and friendship from brother ministers of the Southern Christian Convention, my Conference, and other places since we came here, all which we appreciate, and each has its value to us, so far away from life long ties and associations. How we would love to see some of you drop in about now. We could show you one of the prettiest countries to be found; and serve you a meal in real old Southern style.

I have seen so much of over-painting in newspaper reports that I hesitate to report the best side and indications in my work. It is not that I would project myself, but the work, that I report as I do, and my mind is too stupid this morning to create anything else than news items. I am delighted to see that our dear Bro. Harward is putting new life in the work at Newport News. May it continue. They have some as true and loyal as can be found in all the brotherhood. I shall wish and pray for their success. We are more anxious than ever to see a line about the work in the South, or to get a line from that direction. Cordially,

Murdock W. Butler.

March 1st, 1912.

No man was ever forced to sin. No man can be compelled to sin. Sin can only be voluntary. The utmost any one, even Satan, can do, is to present strong inducements. But every man is at heart conscious that he has no need to accept the inducements and sin against God. Sin and righteousness must both be voluntary or they do not exist. Neither rewards for virtue nor punishment for vice would be possible if compulsion controlled the act.

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" Willow Springs ..	8:52	1:55	7:25
" Varina	9:04	2:05	7:35
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" Chalybeate	9:35	2:30	8:00
" Kipling	9:40	2:35	8:05
" Cape Fear	9:53	2:46	8:18
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